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ST. CROIX et al. )  
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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Post Office Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 13, 2003, applicants request reconsideration of the patentability of the claims.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper. The remarks reflect the content of the arguments that were presented during the October 15, 2003 interview with examiners Caputa and Yaen.